

THE SURVEY COMPLETED

Surveyor Fries and Party Return from the Everglades.

ROUTE IS PRACTICABLE

Fall of Nineteen Feet Between Lake Okechobee and St. Lucie River.—Report Sent to Governor.

The preliminary survey in the great project to drain the Everglades has been completed, and surveyor J. O. Fries is now enroute to Tallahassee to present his report to the governor, and other members of the state internal improvement fund commissioners.

Mr. Fries, in company with Jack Keen, W. M. Meredith, "Bud" Raulerson, Tom Lee and Morgan Swain, as assistants, and Milledge Raulerson and Will Cubbage as teamsters, left Fort Pierce on August 18, to commence this work, going from here to White City, where they crossed the St. Lucie river, and followed down the north fork until they reached Winters' creek, which is four miles from Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie. At this point the survey was commenced, and all the territory between here and Lake Okechobee was thoroughly covered.

The survey was completed last Friday, making a total of 22 days consumed in the work, which Mr. Fries informed THE TRIBUNE was most difficult, as the entire ground covered was under water, and rain fell almost every day.

Lake Okechobee was found to be quite high, and the water level is 21 feet above the water level in the St. Lucie river, although at ordinary conditions the difference would be about 19 feet. The distance of the survey from Winters' creek, on the St. Lucie river to Lake Okechobee is 23 1-4 miles, which with 19 feet fall allows almost a foot to the mile, which would be most ample to successfully drain the entire Everglades.

Mr. Fries reports that starting from Winters' creek, the land has a gradual rise until the great Okechobee flats are reached, when the country is rather steep, reaching an altitude of over 40 feet above the St. Lucie river at the brow of Lake Okechobee.

While this survey is only a preliminary one, much information of great value has been collected, which will be used for future surveys, if deemed necessary, and will be a deciding factor in locating the canal.

It is the opinion of those who have assisted in this work that this is the most practical route, as the fall is far greater than could be found at any other point, and as it is Governor Broward's determined purpose to accomplish the drainage of this vast territory if it is found feasible, we hope soon to record the actual commencement of operations, which will not only be of lasting benefit to the entire state by the opening up of millions of fertile acres to cultivation, but will be of even greater benefit to our own section, and especially Stuart, our prosperous neighbor on the south, which we hope to see a part of St. Lucie county at no distant day.

Killed a Rattlesnake.

Allen Jenkins, the young colored man who takes care of Merrill's pineapple ranch on Taylor creek, north of town, killed a huge rattler on the railway track near his place this week. The reptile measured five feet seven inches in length, and was "built in proportion." Those who were present at the slaughter say that Jenkins turned white when his snakeship "rized up" and sound of his gong. This, however, the man stoutly denies, but quite as emphatically declares that his prey was evidently the father of all serpents.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Late Personal Items Crowded off Local Page by Correspondence.

Com. to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dillmon, today, September 8, a fine son.

Senator F. M. Hudson spent Wednesday in Jensen, where he was warmly greeted by all of his old friends.

R. Ricou, of Jensen, was among the baseball enthusiasts who came up from down river points to see the ball game yesterday.

L. Cochran, of Narrows, has been sick in town for several days, but under the care of Dr. VanLandingham reported better.

Case of yellow fever has developed in Michigan. Rigid quarantine will probably be instituted immediately by Alabama against that state.

L. Carlton has installed in his new marble meat counter, which would be a credit to any town larger than Fort Pierce.

Arnold Racey, Karl Schuyler, F. R. and A. L. Davis were among the spectators from Jensen who came up to the ball game yesterday.

F. M. Hudson, state senator from Dade, St. Lucie and Brevard

counties, arrived in town yesterday to see his friends and attend to some legal business.

A ball game between the Eden-Tibbals and White City teams will be played on the Acme grounds, Jensen, tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. R. R. Gladwin and four children, who have spent the past week or ten days with Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Gladwin, in Titusville, will return to Fort Pierce this afternoon.

O. A. Stewart, deputy clerk of the Circuit court of Brevard county, arrived in town last night and will assist County Clerk Fultz during the session of the circuit court next week.

R. R. Gladwin, of the firm of Sears & Gladwin, went to Eden yesterday to close a deal with Mrs. S. H. Saunders for the purchase of a steam engine which they will install in their boatyard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Jones, Jr., and little son, Minor, of Quay, were guests of the Stetson hotel yesterday. Mr. Jones filled the pitchers box for the Fort Pierce baseball team yesterday afternoon.

THE MYSTIC TEA A GREAT SUCCESS

The Mystic Tea and Dime Museum entertainment given by the ladies of the Fort Pierce Improvement club at the Fort Pierce hotel last Saturday evening was a most complete success.

Every arrangement had been made to entertain the people and provide a substantial supper and enjoyable dance, and all of the program was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The refreshment committee of which Mrs. F. K. Horton was the leading member, provided an elegant supper, and arranged a unique bill of fare, which provoked a great deal of fun in trying to find out what dish the different names would provide. Mrs. Horton was assisted by several ladies in waiting on the table and serving the refreshments, and much credit is due for the able manner in which this feature was handled.

The dime museum, under the auspices of Mrs. W. J. Nesbitt and Mrs. C. T. McCarty, was one of the most interesting features of the evening. Under the direction of Mrs. Nesbitt a most interesting collection of articles for this exhibit was gathered and prepared. George Backus here lent his inimitable voice in drawing the crowd to the entrance and explaining the many interesting sights to be exhibited. The museum netted \$11.25 for the bazaar fund. Much credit is due Mrs. Nesbitt and her assistants for the indefatigable labor in creating the museum and the skill with which it was exhibited.

The last feature on the program, the dance, which was under the direction of Mrs. C. T. McCarty, was well patronized, and the young people "tripped the light fantastic" until nearly the midnight hour.

The Fort Pierce brass band furnished delightful music during the entire evening from the balcony of the hotel. This was much appreciated by the many present, and contributed considerably to the success of the evening. A part of the band furnished the music for the dance as did also Mr. John Nicholson, of Melbourne. The ladies of the Improvement club requests THE TRIBUNE to extend their thanks to the band and Mr. Nicholson for the excellent music during the evening and for the dance.

The prize cake, which was awarded to the person guessing nearest the correct number of heads in a group, was won by George T. Backus, his guess being 620, while the correct number was 619.

The total receipts for the evening were \$50.53, which after the expenses had been paid left a balance of \$44.53 in the treasury, which will be expended for useful articles to be made and sold at the big Thanksgiving Day bazaar, which the ladies expect to hold in their new hall.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

George W. Beal, a well known and highly respected citizen of Stanwood, met with a very painful accident about 7 o'clock Thursday evening of last week. While spending the evening at the house of a neighbor, Charles Harris, of Narrows, Mr. Beal had hung his coat on a rack which already supported a loaded shotgun. A little later, in removing the coat, by some chance he caused the gun to fall. His first thought being for the safety of others in the house, he endeavored to catch the gun, but succeeded only in grasping it by the muzzle, and as the stock struck the floor the charge was exploded by the impact and the escaping gas stripped the flesh from the back of Mr. Beal's left hand. By a fortunate chance the charge of small shot missed the hand and entered the wall. As soon as was possible Mr. Beal came to Fort Pierce and had his hand dressed by Dr. Lloyd, remaining here in the doctor's care until Monday. The most serious result of the accident will be a bad scar. While a distressing occurrence, it is fortunate that the results were not more serious, as they might easily have been fatal.

THREATENS OFFICIALS

Bombs are to be Exploded Unless "Solomon" is Heeded.

PREACH VS. PRACTICE

"Citizen" Defends County Commissioners and Points out One Instance where "Graft" Was Defeated.

St. Lucie County, Fla., Sept. 9, Editors TRIBUNE:

In the issue of The Fort Pierce News of September 1st there appears, editorially, the following:

"There will be some bomb shells dropped into the political camps within the next few months. Those office holders who expect the suffrage of the people at the next election must be careful to work in their interests and expend the money of the taxpayers where it will do the most good, and not to favor some friends, or where it will eventually benefit themselves. The people of St. Lucie county have had too much of this kind of thing in the old regime and they do not propose to stand for it any longer."

There seems to be a great dread in the editorial cranium of The News, that those who have the expending of the peoples money are determined to spend it to "favor some friends, or where it will eventually benefit themselves."

The expending of the peoples money is in the hands of the county commissioners. The brilliant editorial above quoted would have the people of St. Lucie county believe that the chief aim, desire and purpose of the present county commissioners is to carry on the affairs of the county in the interest of friends, and thus puts said commissioners on notice "There will be some bomb shells dropped into the political camps within the next few months," and threatens them with the vengeance of an outraged people whose suffrage they are to expect "at the next election;" thus assuming that the only motive for being and acting honorably lies in the fact that they may run for office at the next election and will want the suffrage of the people of St. Lucie county; the inference being that without this hope of reward, the commissioners are too weak and dishonest to do their duty as they are sworn. So far as the writer knows, there has been no disposition on the part of the commissioners to favor friends or to spend any money where it will benefit themselves, and if the Fort Pierce News knows of such a thing being done, the county commissioners and the people of St. Lucie county would be more than thankful if it would point out explicitly the case or cases where the crime is being perpetrated and keep out of its columns such insinuations as has occurred in its two previous issues.

The officers of St. Lucie county have a hard task to work out, and the county commissioners who have to "expend the money of the taxpayers," are confronted with grave responsibilities, to which they are giving their best management and their time, and as the writer knows of some of them, at a sacrifice to their own private affairs; yet they are threatened with "bomb shells" and annihilation "at the next election," if they do not fall into a line of action laid down by the editorial sanctum of the News! The News seems to think that the principal motive in officers of St. Lucie county should be to act in a way to insure their return to office in the "next election." The very thing that every politician does, and for which the people condemn them!

It should be the purpose of every man holding an office in St. Lucie county to do his duty according to his oath, with no thought of what the "next election" will do to him. The editorial sanctum of the News is at perfect liberty to have one of its "holier than thou" representatives at all of the meetings where these office holders "expend the money of the taxpayers," and if, with his superior judgment and ideas of laying a foundation for securing "the suffrage of the people at the next election," he sees anything wrong, a correction would be appreciated, not that any of the present commissioners have thought for a moment of their future fate at the hands of an outraged public; for the present affairs of the county call for their undivided attention, and what may happen to them two years hence is of small importance as compared with the apparently thankless task they are now trying to accomplish.

At the "next election" the News will have the opportunity of approving or condemning the labors of the present set of officers, and by the fruits of their labors ye shall judge them. By this it is not intended to mean that no fault shall be found with them during their term of office, but what is meant is, that if they, for any reason, deviate from the course that is for the best interests of the county, it should be the duty of any one to bring the matter to their attention, and to the attention of the public, but this attention should be

so called as to correct the evil because it is an evil, and not for the purpose of "securing the suffrage of the people at the next election." No man with any self respect will cater for future public office by shaping his actions in the discharge of his duties to secure "the suffrage of the people at the next election."

The fact that a bill of the Fort Pierce News for printing for the county was cut about one-third by the county commissioners because it was an attempt at graft, should indicate to the News that the commissioners are being careful of how they expend the taxpayers' money. It is true, the News is not classed as a friend, for the commissioners are not desirous of forming friendships with those who preach one doctrine and practice another.

CITIZEN.

A New Operator.

H. T. Teal, has been telegraph operator at Jensen for more than a year, was a visitor in town yesterday to see the ball game. Mr. Teal expects to be transferred to Fort Pierce in a day or two as night operator.

STUART VICTORIOUS OVER FORT PIERCE

The Fort Pierce baseball diamond was again the scene of a most interesting game of ball yesterday afternoon, when the Stuart team played the new Fort Pierce organization.

The morning train brought the visiting boys to our town, and they were met at the depot by a delegation of the home boys who took them to Faber Bros' hotel, where they were entertained for the day.

The game was called at 3:05, and was played with a vim from the start, the Stuart team scoring in the first, third and sixth inning, while the home aggregation got experience in every inning.

The game lasted one hour and twenty minutes, resulting in a score of 4 to 0, in favor of Stuart.

The following is the lineup of the teams:

STUART		FORT PIERCE	
Verner	c	Wakely	
Penrow	p	Jones	
S. Stanley	ss	Hopkins	
C. McPherson	1b	Williams	
C. Kitching	2b	VanLandingham	
G. McPherson	3b	Lloyd	
F. Glass	rf	Hooks	
Roy Lane	cf	Hendrix	
C. Glass	lf	Killer	

Struck out by Penrow, 12; by Jones 10. Hits off of Penrow, 14; hits off of Jones, 22.

The Stuart boys are not only excellent ball players but every man is a gentleman, and their conduct on the field was most commendable.

This was the first game ever played by the Fort Pierce team, their organization having only been formed a week, and the entire team had never been on the field together, but they played well indeed, considering their many handicaps.

The game was umpired by F. R. Trice, of Jensen, whose decisions were entirely fair, and who received the thanks of both clubs.

It is hoped that the boys will again visit Fort Pierce, and the home team will have acquired practice in the interval and will be able to hold the visitors down to an even score.

Among those who came up from Stuart yesterday to play ball or see the game were: G. W. Thomas, J. C. Hancock and wife, Judge Hall, Mrs. S. Kitching, Cleveland Kitching, H. T. Verner, S. S. Stanley, Chas. McPherson, Geo. McPherson, Frank Glass, Charles Glass, A. L. Lane, Frank Penrow, Stanley Kitching, Carl Haney, H. S. Witham, Ed Cramer, M. Verner, J. Platt, C. C. Purdam, R. L. Bevil, Geo. Johnson.

Mrs. James E. Andrews and two children, who have spent several weeks with Mrs. Andrews' parents at Ormond, are expected to return to Fort Pierce today or tomorrow.

MUCH PROGRESS IN NEW BUILDINGS

Progress on the ice plant has been steady, and it is now nearing completion from an outside view. Inside the work of installing the machinery is going steadily on, while the new artesian well has reached a depth of eighty feet. The ice company do not contemplate supplying ice before the middle of October, when they will place a delivery wagon on the streets. This will be greatly appreciated by our residents.

Work on the residences of F. C. Stetson and A. Y. W. Hogg is being rushed. The frame work on the Stetson house now being nearly all up, while the piers have been erected and lumber hauled for Mr. Hogg's residence.

The residence of C. T. McCarty is nearly completed, as is also that of A. N. Snellgrove, and both of these will soon be in the hands of the painters.

Carlton Brothers stone building has almost reached the second floor, and when completed will be one of the most handsome business blocks in town.

With the Improvement club's building to commence next week, and the new stone building of Fee & Stewart Co., to be started as soon as the Carlton building is completed, building operations seem bright for the immediate future.

BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED

A Mass Meeting of Citizens and Tax Payers Pass Resolution.

FOR TOWN'S PROGRESS

Eloquent and Convincing Speech of C. T. McCarty in Favor of Project.—The Meeting Enthusiastic.

The mass meeting of the citizens and tax payers of Fort Pierce which was advertised last week, was held in the Fort Pierce High school building Tuesday evening, with a fairly representative audience in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gladwin, who stated the object of the meeting, and in a short address gave his reasons for favoring the project of bonding the town for \$1,500, the amount to be used in furnishing a site for the county buildings. His reasons were all logical, patriotic and filled to a high degree with a sense of town pride and interest.

C. T. McCarty was then called upon and expressed his belief that bonding was the only practical method of raising the required amount, that it was the only equitable means of dividing the expense among those who would be benefitted by the erection of the county buildings in Fort Pierce. Mr. McCarty then gave several examples of bonding that had come under his personal observation, mentioning particularly some of the large cities of the north, and Miami, West Palm Beach and Titusville of our own section. He stated that the bond issue in Titusville had been incorrectly stated and gave a history of this issue. Twelve years ago the town issued bonds, for \$7,500, payable in fifteen years, at \$500 a year. The payments have been kept up promptly, despite the fact that shortly after the issue of bonds a most disastrous fire swept fifty-eight business buildings and residences out of existence; followed about two weeks later with the great freeze of 1895, and shortly after with the withdrawal of the entire steamboat service from the town, upon the completion of the railroad to points south. With all these hardships falling on the town, they have kept up every payment of the bonds, and with other necessary improvements have expended \$900 a year for electric lights for the streets. The bonds were sold for the purpose of providing paved streets, and it is reasonable to suppose that if the town had not had the good streets during the dark days that it has passed through, that it would not now be greeting the future with great hopes of increased industry and activity.

Mr. McCarty reviewed the fight for the past fifteen years for a division of the county, stating the question of division had always had with it the idea of Fort Pierce becoming the county seat for the new county; that the citizens of the town had always lent every assistance in the project, and that he could not now understand how any of our people would throw a damper on the labor of years by refusing to support a movement which is to provide a permanent site for the county buildings. His speech was a masterful effort, full of facts, patriotism, and a special appeal to the voters of the town to stand by this movement, which is one of the most important that has ever confronted our people.

The chairman then called upon any citizen present to express his views or to ask any question that he would desire to have answered, but all expressed the opinion that Mr. McCarty had covered the matter thoroughly.

T. J. O'Brien then asked if there was anyone present that opposed the issuance of bonds, but no one replied; the opposition did not seem to be present.

Frank H. Fee, president of the Bank of Fort Pierce, then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting of citizens and taxpayers of the town of Fort Pierce that it is right, just and proper that bonds be voted for the purpose of paying for a site for county buildings."

The meeting then adjourned.

New Advertisements.

New and changed advertisements in this issue of THE TRIBUNE are as follows:

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Bids Wanted.

The St. Lucie Ice Company will receive bids for furnishing cord wood. Address, T. J. O'Brien, secretary.

Captain Hansen, of White City, was at the county seat last Saturday.